



PRINCESS MARGARET SECONDARY

Home of the Lions

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well rested and refreshed. I also hope that this was a good summer, filled with some combination of relaxation, travel, vacation and many different outdoor summer activities. We will be welcoming everyone back to school soon and trust you are looking forward to a new school year full of opportunities and are excited about a new year of learning. Each new school year brings about many exciting changes for students, staff and programs as we continue to make Princess Margaret a great place for learning.

I am extremely honored to have been named the new Principal at Princess Margaret Secondary. I have heard many great things about the school including that it is a school filled with immensely talented students and it is a school community with students and teachers who are fiercely loyal and proud to be PM Lions. I am really looking forward to learning about and becoming part of the amazing school community of Princess Margaret.

Within this newsletter you will find information on the opening day schedule as well as many other very important items about the upcoming school year. Please read the newsletter carefully as many of the items will help your school year start smoothly.

At Princess Margaret Secondary we will continue to build upon our rich culture of learning. The upcoming school year will provide all of us many learning opportunities and will produce incredible stories of success. We know that our Lions will continue to make us very proud.

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August 2023

31 Grade 8 Welcome BBQ 9am

September 2023

4 Labour Day (School Closed)
5 School Opens
12 PAC Meeting 5pm, Library
14 Photo Day
22 5 Block Schedule
(Grade 10 & 11 Assemblies)
25 Non-Instructional Day
26 -5 Block Schedule
(Grade 9 & 12 Assemblies)
-Terry Fox Run
29 Orange Shirt Day

October 2023

2 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
(School Closed)
3 PAC Meeting 5pm, Library
9 Thanksgiving Day (School Closed)
12 Photo Retakes
20 Non-Instructional Day
30-3 Numeracy 10 & Literacy 10/12 Assessments

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED...

To ensure a successful start to the new school year, there are a number of important things students should do.

- Read this newsletter and accompanying information carefully,
- Pay attention to the orientation information provided in your classes during the first week,
- Use our school APP or other electronic or paper methods to keep yourself organized,
- Be on time and ready to learn in all classes,
- Become involved and connected in the school through a club, team and/or extra-curricular activity,
- Ask questions!

Our first PAC meeting will be on Tuesday September 12 at 5:00pm in our school library. PAC meetings are a great way for parents to stay connected to the school and learn about all the amazing things going on in the school.

We are thrilled to welcome the class of 2028, our new grade 8 Lions! I hope you are all excited with the move to secondary school and are looking forward to exploring the new opportunities that you will have at Princess Margaret. We have many great activities scheduled over the month of September for our new Lions to help make the transition to PM as smooth as possible. It makes for a busy, but exciting start to the new school year.

A special "Welcome Back" is reserved for our graduating class, The Class of 2024. As the graduating class you have a special and important role to play in the life of our school. You can and should provide both leadership and a sense of purpose to the student body. Make this year the most productive experience both for yourselves as individuals and for our school. As individuals, you have tremendous potential. Continue to work for your future and leave a positive legacy through your actions.

I encourage all students to take advantage of the first-class opportunities available to you at Princess Margaret and to participate 100% in all aspects of your school experience. We have a large number of clubs, a comprehensive athletics program and many other amazing opportunities that come up during each year. Get involved and enjoy everything that Princess Margaret has to offer.

Our school website, www.surreyschools.ca/pmarga as well as our APP will provide up to date information regarding upcoming special events and activities. Please continue to update the school if you have any contact information changes including e-mail, phone numbers or home address so we can keep open lines of communication between school and home.

Enjoy the last days of summer! We look forward to welcoming all students and families back to Princess Margaret and wish you much success in the upcoming year.

Mr. R. Smalley
Principal



Administration Team

Principal	Robin Smalley	
Vice Principal	Last Names A to G	Don Kid
Vice Principal	Last Names H to O	Virginia Allard
Vice Principal	Last Names P to Z	Pam Sandhu

Grade 8 Welcome Barbecue - *Thursday August 31st*

Calling all our Grade 8 Students! Please join us on **Thursday, August 31st** for our Annual PM Grade 8 Welcome Barbecue!

9:00am	Grade 8's meet in the school cafeteria
9:00am-11am	Planned activities!
11:00am	Lunch
11:30am	Event Ends

Student Schedules

For students in grades 9-12, student schedules will be available on MYED BC after **August 25th**. For **New Admission Students** and **Grade 8 Students** you will receive your schedule on the first day of school in your home room. Home room number will be posted outside the school office.

First Day of School - *Tuesday September 5th!*

Grade 8's are to attend school from 11:45am-1:50pm (Go to the main entrance of the school at 11:45am)
Grades 9-12 are to attend school from 10am-11am

Message from your Counsellors

Hello Lions, we are excited to have you back for the 2023/2024 school year!

Although you can currently view your schedule (after August 25th) via your MyEd account, please note that **your schedule may change before the first day of the semester** as counsellors are still working to balance schedules and classes, so **please check your schedule again on the first day of school.**

If you have a concern with your schedule, please **read the announcement on your Grade-level TEAM** to find out how and when to contact your counsellor regarding your concern.

Please note we are **not able to make elective changes** unless they are required for graduation/post-secondary, even if you were given an elective you did not request; to accommodate your required academic courses, you may have to take an elective you did not request.

Your PM Counsellors,

Last name A: Ms. Michelle Johnson
Last names B to G: Mr. Damian Dym
Last names H to O: Ms. Dale Alparaque
Last names P to Z: Ms. Jessica Parkinson

MYED BC / Password Rest



Student – I Forgot My Password to MyEdBC

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1. To retrieve a new temporary password for MyEdBC be sure to use a computer and not a mobile device.



2. Go to MyEdBC <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do> and type in your **MyEdBC Login ID** which is also your student number. Click on 'I forgot my password'. MyEdBC will email you a new temporary password.

MyEducation BC Prod

Login ID
Your Student Number

Password

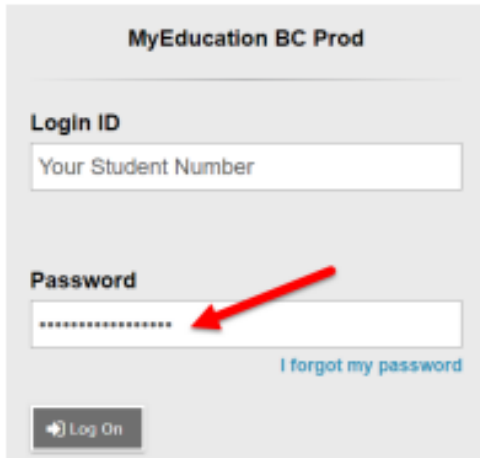
[I forgot my password](#)

Log On

3. If MyEdBC has your surreyschools email, **log into your surreyschools account** <https://www.surreyschools.ca/Pages/default.aspx> to retrieve your new temporary MyEdBC password. Your login for your surreyschools will be the same login you would log in to FreshGrade or to log onto a school computer. **You can login by clicking on Office 365 or Sign In.** If MyEdBC has your personal email, login to your personal email account to retrieve your new temporary password.



4. Go to MyEdBC <https://www.myeducation.gov.bc.ca/aspen/logon.do> and **type in your MyEdBC Login ID** which is also your student number. **Type in your new temporary password exactly** as it has been emailed to you under **Password**, as MyEdBC passwords are case sensitive.



The screenshot shows the MyEducation BC Prod login interface. It has a title bar 'MyEducation BC Prod'. Below it is a 'Login ID' section with a text input field containing 'Your Student Number'. Below that is a 'Password' section with a masked password field (dots) and a red arrow pointing to it. To the right of the password field is a blue link that says 'I forgot my password'. At the bottom left is a 'Log On' button with a right-pointing arrow.

5. MyEdBC will ask you to choose a new password. Enter the following information in the **Change Password** pop-up window.

Current Password: enter the **temporary password** that MyEdBC emailed you

New Password: enter your new password following the MyEdBC **Password Requirements**

Confirm New Password: enter your **new password a second time**

Click **OK**. You have now reset your MyEdBC password.



The screenshot shows a 'Password Requirements' pop-up window. The title bar is 'Password Requirements'. It contains a bulleted list of requirements: 'Minimum length is 8', 'At least one number', 'At least one capital and lowercase letter', 'At least one symbol that isn't a letter or number', and 'Can't contain 'password', login name, first name, middle name, last name, date of birth, personal id, or only sequential letters or numbers'. Below the list are three input fields: 'Current Password', 'New Password', and 'Confirm New Password'. A red arrow points from the 'New Password' field to the requirements list. Below the input fields is a red 'X' icon and the text 'Your password has expired. Please create a new one.' At the bottom are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Note: MyEdBC passwords are good for **90 days**. MyEdBC will prompt you to create a new password immediately.

Tip: **Ten unsuccessful login attempts will disable your account.** If this happens you will have to wait for it to be re-enabled. Call or go to your school office to request that your account be re-activated. This may take a few days or longer.

Student Fees

A reminder student fees are due. If you haven't done so already, please visit the school cash online website [SchoolCashOnline.com: Welcome](http://SchoolCashOnline.com:Welcome) to make payment. **The 2023-2024 Student fee is \$20 per student.**

School Fees and Optional Enhancements to Programs

Basic Student Fee:	Student Activity Fee	\$20
Optional Enhancements and Extracurricular Activities:		
(Please note: Athletics might not run this school year)		
Athletics: Fall	Grade 8 – Junior Volleyball	\$60-75
	Senior Volleyball	\$100
	Soccer (Boys)	\$60
Athletics: Winter	Grade 8 Basketball	\$75
	Junior Basketball	\$100
	Senior Basketball	\$125
Athletics: Spring	Badminton	\$50
	Ball Hockey	\$100
	Cricket	\$50
	Cross Country	\$25
	Flag Football	\$70
	Kabaddi	\$45
	Soccer (Girls)	\$60
	Track & Field	\$50
	Ultimate Frisbee	\$45
	Wrestling	Up to \$80
Graduation Ceremony	Grad Fee (see appendix)	\$50
Yearbook	Cost varies depends on the quantity ordered	\$50-\$60
Workbooks <i>(loaned to students and offered for sale to students at cost)</i>		
	Accounting 11/12	\$30
	Math Pre-Calculus 11/12	\$26
	Rec Leadership 10	
	no charge, unless overnight field trips scheduled, then:	Up to \$175
	Textiles	**See Below
	Woodwork	**See Below
	Metalwork	**See Below

**No extra fees. If teacher purchases special supplies based on student request, it will then go through school account.



2023-2024 Bell Schedule

Princess Margaret Secondary School Bell Schedules: 2023-2024

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	
Warning Bell: 8:25					
8:30 – 9:49 (79 min.)	1	2	3	4	Friday
9:54 – 11:15 (79 min.)	2	1	4	3	Rotation Day
11:15 – 12:00 (45 min.)	LUNCH				
12:00 – 1:19 (79 min.)	3	4	1	2	
1:24 – 2:41 (79 min.)	4	3	2	1	

Early Dismissal Schedule					
Warning Bell: 8:25					
8:30 – 9:34 (64 min.)	1	2	3	4	
9:39 – 10:43 (64 min.)	2	1	4	3	
10:44 – 11:29 (45 min.)	LUNCH				
11:29 – 12:33 (64 min.)	3	4	1	2	
12:38 – 1:41 (63 min.)	4	3	2	1	

Five Block Assembly Schedule					
Warning Bell: 8:25					
8:30 – 9:36 (66 min.)	1	2	3	4	
9:41 – 10:47 (66 min.)	2	1	4	3	
10:52 – 11:53 (61 min.)	3	4	1	2	
11:53 – 12:38 (45 min.)	Lunch				
12:38 – 1:39 (61 min.)	3	4	1	2	
1:39 – 2:41 (62 min.)	4	3	2	1	



Student Photos

Student Photo Day is: Thursday, September 14th, 2023
Photo Retake Day is: Thursday, October 12th, 2023
Grad Photos are: Monday, November 20th to 27th, 2023

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School Supplies

Students will need to provide their own basic supplies and equipment for their own personal use at school. Here is a brief list of supplies you may want to have for your journey through high school:

- 4 Binders or notebooks
- Pens
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Ruler (cm)
- Calculator (basic scientific)
- Lined Paper
- Gym Strip - shorts/sweatpants, shirt, deodorant, non-marking shoes, extra lock for gym locker
- Pencil Crayons
- Flash Drive
- Glue Stick
- Pencil Case
- Dividers
- Highlighter



Media Consent Forms

A reminder to Parents, if you provided signed consent forms in a previous year for your child(ren) to appear in the news media, on school or district websites & publications, to use online tools or digital portfolios, or other annually collected consent forms, your consent status remains in effect and on file at our school. You no longer need to resubmit consent forms every year. However, you can review or change any consent form at any time by contacting the school.



Attendance – Absences and Missing School

Surrey Secondary Schools uses an automated system that sends a daily call-out voice mail / or email message to your home / cellphone if your child has missed any classes.

If your child is going to be absent or late from school please call or email the school office in the morning. If the office has not been notified of an absence or late arrival the student will be marked absent (or late), and you will receive a call / or email home.

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EMAIL: princessmargaret@surreyschools.ca

Extended Vacations – If you are going on holiday or will be away from school beyond 5 days please have your student pick up a “Student Missing School Time” form from the office. (These forms can also be found on the school website). This form is to be signed by a parent / guardian, your child’s teachers and returned to the office 2 weeks in advance of the absence.

Surrey Schools App

To stay up to date with news, events and calendars at Princess Margaret we encourage Parents and Students to download the **new Surrey Schools mobile App**. Anyone can download the app and subscribe to District or School Notifications, News and Events. Once downloaded, select your school. If you have multiple students at different schools, click all that apply and click next. In the app store search for 'Surrey Schools' or use the links below.



Download the app:

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.schoolbundle.surrey>

iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/surrey-schools/id1611336585>

Communications

Princess Margaret Website – www.surreyschools.ca/pmarga

Surrey Schools App - Subscribe to the Surrey Schools app (noted above) to receive notifications and updates directly to your phone.

School Newsletters – Please ensure that the school has your email address so you can receive monthly newsletters.

PM Lions App - A great tool for students, the PM Lions App will help you stay up to date with events, bell schedules and announcements.

Instagram - Princess Margaret hosts a variety of clubs that also post to Instagram. Make sure to update your devices and stay up to date!

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#pmgrad2024

#pmsscouncil

#pmlionsyearbook

Public Health Immunization Drop-In Clinic

Kindergarten to Grade 12 students



 10355 King George Boulevard, Surrey

 Tuesday, August 29 and Wednesday, August 30

 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A nurse will review each student's immunization history to see which immunizations they can receive at the clinic. Please note that some students may not be due to receive immunizations at this time.



2023-2024 District Calendar



2023-24 Surrey Schools calendar

Legend	
	Schools open/reopen
	Non-instructional day (no classes)
	Schools closed

Sept. 5, 2023	Schools open
Sept. 25, 2023	Non-instructional day
Oct. 2, 2023	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
Oct. 9, 2023	Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 20, 2023	Non-instructional day
Nov. 10, 2023	Non-instructional day
Nov. 13, 2023	Remembrance Day
Dec. 25 - Jan. 5, 2024	Winter break
Jan. 8, 2024	Schools reopen after winter break
Feb. 19, 2024	Family Day
Feb. 23, 2024	Non-instructional day
Mar. 18 - Mar. 22, 2024	Spring Break
Mar. 25 - Mar. 28, 2024	School closure days
March 29, 2024	Good Friday
April 1, 2024	Easter Monday
April 2, 2024	Schools reopen after spring break
May 3, 2024	Non-instructional day
May 20, 2024	Victoria Day
May 27, 2024	Non-instructional day
June 28, 2024	Administrative day/schools close

September '23						
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